

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1 through 26 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please enter Claims 27 through 35 to read, as follows.

Claims 1 through 26. **(Canceled)**

--27. **(New)** A developer supply container for supplying a developer into an image forming apparatus, said developer supply container comprising:

a developer container for accommodating a developer;

a flexible member for stirring the developer in said developer container; and

a supporting member, connected to a rotation shaft, for fixedly supporting said flexible member,

wherein said supporting member includes a parallel portion to which said flexible member is mounted and which extends substantially parallel with an overhanging direction of said flexible member, a crossing portion extending in a direction crossing with the overhanging direction from a downstream end of said parallel portion, and a connecting portion for connecting said parallel portion and said rotation shaft,

wherein said crossing portion includes a first portion adjacent to said connecting portion, and

wherein said second portion has a length measured in the crossing direction, which is shorter than a length of said first portion, and said second portion has a length measured

in an axial direction of said rotation shaft, which is longer than the length of said first portion.

28. (New) A developer supply container according to Claim 3, wherein an angle  $\theta$  formed between the overhanging direction and a tangential direction satisfies:

$$30^{\circ} \leq \theta \leq 60^{\circ}.$$

29. (New) A developer supply container according to Claim 27, wherein a length, expressed as L1, of said second portion measured in the crossing direction, and a length, expressed as L2, of an extension of said parallel portion of said flexible member from the downstream end satisfy:

$$0.2 \times L2 < L1 < 0.6 \times L2.$$

30. (New) A developer supply container according to Claim 27, wherein said flexible member is contactable to an inner surface of said developer container.

31. (New) A developer supply container according to Claim 1, wherein said developer supply container is detachably mountable to the image forming apparatus.

32. (New) A stirring member for stirring a developer in a developer container by rotation thereof, said stirring member comprising:

a flexible member;

a rotation shaft; and

a supporting member, connected into a rotation shaft, for fixedly supporting said flexible member,

wherein said supporting member includes a parallel portion to which said flexible member is mounted and which extends substantially parallel with an overhanging direction of said flexible member, a crossing portion extending in a direction crossing with the overhanging direction from a downstream end of said parallel portion, and a connecting portion for connecting said parallel portion and said rotation shaft,

wherein said crossing portion includes a first portion adjacent to said connecting portion, and

wherein a second portion has a length measured in the crossing direction, which is shorter than a length of said first portion, and said second portion has a length measured in an axial direction of said rotation shaft, which is longer than the length of said first portion.

33. (New) A stirring member according to Claim 32, wherein an angle  $\theta$  formed between the overhanging direction and a tangential direction satisfies:

$$30^\circ < \theta < 60^\circ.$$

34. (New) A stirring member according to Claim 32, wherein an angle  $\theta$  formed between the overhanging direction and a tangential direction satisfies:

$$30^\circ < \theta < 60^\circ.$$

35. (New) A stirring member according to Claim 13, wherein said flexible member is contactable to an inner surface of said developer container.--